

October 15, 2002

Obit: Darrel Kurtz

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- Visitation will be at the funeral chapel on Wednesday, Oct. 16, from 2 p.m. to 8 p.m. and again at the church one hour prior to the service on Thursday.
- Darrel Arlo Kurtz was born on February 22, 1915, to Hugo and Maud (Hoag) Kurtz in Groton. He was baptized and confirmed in the Lutheran faith. Darrel was a grain and dairy farmer on the Chedi Lake Stock Farm in Henry Township, near James. He retired from active farming in 1990.
- He married Cora Jensen in Aberdeen on September 19, 1936. They had five daughters and three sons.
- Survivors include his wife of Aberdeen, five daughters, Myrtle (John) Blocker, Webster; Shirley Simon, Kaycee, Wyo.; Lois (Victor) Schwahn, Big Bear Lake, Calif.; Karen Kurtz, Groton; Connie Olson, Rapid City; three sons, Duane Kurtz, Groton; Darwin (Joyce) Kurtz, Whitewood; Dennis (Sue) Kurtz, Claremore, Okla.; 11 grandchildren, four step grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, five step great-grandchildren, three great-great grandchildren and one step great-great grandchild.
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He was preceded in death by his parents, two sisters, one brother, and one son-in-law, Tom Simon.

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